



## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47

April 23, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives SMITH, ZEPNICK, HILGENBERG, KREUSER, SHERIDAN, HINTZ, MOULTON, HEBL, CULLEN, VAN AKKEREN, TURNER, KESSLER, SEIDEL, SOLETSKI, BLACK, POPE-ROBERTS and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators KREITLOW, VINEHOUT, MILLER, LEHMAN, TAYLOR, ROESSLER, LASSA and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** the life and service of Joe Bee Xiong.

2               Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong was born in 1962 in the village of Mong Cha, Laos, and  
3       died on March 31, 2007; and

4               Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong bravely fought in the Vietnam War at the young age  
5       of 14, leading teams to rescue shot-down American pilots; and

6               Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong led 3,000 of his neighbors across the Mekong River to  
7       safety in Thailand and came to reside in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1980; and

8               Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong graduated from Memorial High School in Eau Claire,  
9       Wisconsin, and went on to receive a degree in computer science from Chippewa  
10      Valley Technical College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mount  
11      Senario College in Ladysmith, Wisconsin; and

12              Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong distinguished himself as the first Hmong elected to  
13      public office in the United States, serving two terms on the Eau Claire City Council;  
14      and

15              Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong was a role model for all those in the community; and

